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- 25X1 1. The East Bohemian Chemical Works, National Corporation (Vychodoceske chemicke zavody) plant in Rybitvi, near Pardubice was established in 1941 by the Germans. It produces drugs, aniline dyes, stabilisers for the manufacture of explosives, and flints for lighters.
  - 2. Since January 1951, Eng. (fnu) Stodola has been the manager; his deputy is Dr. (fnu) Arient. The chairman of the Works Council is (fnu) Stipek; the cadre chief is (fnu) Cerny, a former joiner. (Fnu) Cernohlavek is in charge of the Machine Department. Dr. Obst is in charge of the Purchasing Department. There are 1,500 employees in the plant. The number of administrative officials is about 100, the number of technical clerks 112.
  - 3. The plant has the following departments:
    - a. The AZO department manufactures aniline dyes, For the future they are planning to manufacture PAS tablets against TBC, and ParaaminosAlicilic acid. The chiefs of the department are Eng. (fnu) Haase and Eng. (fnu) Silinger.
    - b. In the dye-mixing department there was no change in the processes used. The management of this department comes under the AZO department.
    - c. The pharmaceutical department manufactures medicines of all kinds:
      Vitacalcin, Amidopyrine, Chemocalcium, Dormiral (a sleeping tablet),
      Pleumolozin (to prevent cought), and various sorts of medications and
      ointments. There has been no change in processes since 1947. The
      hygienic conditions for workers are very bad. The workers complain about the
      inefficient measures for eliminating poisonous vapors from various chemicals.
      Pharmacists (fnu) Malek and (fnu) Polak are in charge of this department.
    - d. Department MP 1 is for finishing and packing and for maintenance of the whole plant, e.g., soldering dye-barrels, packing caustic sods in iron drums and the manufacture of bearing metals for use in the plant.

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- Department MP 2 manufactures bearing metals and casts and polishes
   bearings used for railway cars (sic).
- f. In the department called Pyrasolon, sodium is made by the electrolysis of caustic soda. Chrome yellow is also manufactured, and another kind of yellow dye. There have been no changes in the process since 1947.
- g. In the building called Aniline, pure aniline is manufactured, and this is used for the AZO department, where dyes are manufactured by the reduction method.
- h. Nitrace is a 2-story building. Here nitrous mixtures of sulphuric and nitric acids are made, in the proportion 1:4 or 1:6, according to the quantitity of nitrogen needed for the particular explosive. This manufacturing operation comes under the aniline department. Departments AZO, MP1 and MP 2 work in two shifts, the rest of the plant in only 1 shift.
- 4. The plant also produces stabilisers for the manufacture of military explosives in the Synthesia plant in Semtim.
- 5. The water reservoir is situated underground. The building has one floor only, and in it are the mechanical pumps. The two main transformers are in Semptin. The plant has no electric supply of its own.
- 6. The research department consists of three buildings where products of the plant are tested and expert analyses are undertaken.
- 7. The plant experiences shortages of sulphuric acid, nitric acid, hydrochloric acid and ammonia, all of which are brought from Semtin or from Usti Nad Labem.
- 8. There is only one works militia for both factories, consisting of 40 members (black uniformed), and it also is responsible for fire protection and for the guard-rooms.
- 9. The average wages of manual workers are 3 to 4,000 kcs. a month. The canteen is situated in a 2-story building outside the plant. The cost of a lunch for workers is 6.00 kcs.

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